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LA CHAÎNE

It's 48 hours before the New Band Show, I'm sick, I'm trying to get this issue out, and as is often the case I'm looking at a blank page with no idea what to say. Usually this is the point where I start pestering my friends for content, or come up with some gimmick. But asking for help at this point feels harder than just powering through alone, so I'm gonna chug a coffee and give this a shot.

Lately my motivation to work on things I care about and believe in has been nearly zero. Everything's been bare minimum, scraping by on previously-made commitments and trying to not accumulate any more obligations. I can tell things are rotten cause I haven't been listening to music (punk or otherwise) or reading books. After starting the year strong with reading and audiobooks, I've lost steam and am back to mindlessly scrolling my RSS feeds and consuming podcasts without too much thought. I got a dog – which is amazing (that's her on the left! Her name is Torta, isn't she sweet??) but it's also a kinda stressful and big life adjustment which has thrown me off a lot of routines as I build new ones with this angel. Probably relatedly, I finally succumbed to a shitty baby cold this week, although luckily I don't seem to have been hit by the knocks-you-out-for-two-weeks flu that lots of people got this winter. The temperature may be finally flirting with 0° after weeks of never seeing a single-digit in the forecast, and the sun comes out most days, but between the cold and the news, everyone's spirit has taken damage. The magical moments of last fall's Varning and Search for the Sun – eating poutine in the grass with international punk friends between watching legendary shows – feel like they happened in another lifetime. I want to feel excited but I'm not there yet. We're truly in the doldrums of winter.

I decided to compile these lists to remind myself what I care about; maybe you'll get something out of it too (or be motviated to make your own list). None of these things are feeling actually, truly *exciting* to me right now, but history tells me I'm capable of feeling different than I do now. Sometimes you gotta just keep going through the motions and trust that it'll happen.

–Taylor

Here's some cool things that happened in the last few months:

Fediverse Punk Month – an effort to get a bunch of international punks on the ditch-Meta train, and try out alternatives for the month of January. I made internet friends with some cool rust belt punks, and learned that to absolutely nobody's surprise there is some crusty gold coming out of these dreary post-industrial cities rn (check out HËX from Cleveland, KNOTWORK from Detroit and DUKKHA from Youngstown/Pittsburgh). The internet can be cool, actually. Come see for yourself: **allpunkspleaseleavemeta.com**

The New Years Eve anti-Prison noise demo in Laval – it's fun every year, but despite temps pushing -20° and some issues with the chartered school buses, this year's demo was massive, had excellent vibes and totally over-the-top fireworks displays. Still the best way to ring in the New Year.

I got started on a big **stomach tattoo**, courtesy of my multi-talented friend Sara Elbourne. Creeping toward my goal of having all my big torso tattoos done before I'm 40. Already looking forward to crop-top season.

The Night This Place Freezes Over launch – I got asked to do some visuals for this interactive narrative game project a few years ago during Covid lockdown, and it was so cool to see the finished product (and cool to be present at the launch event with quite a few of the dozens of people who contributed). It's basically a choose-your-own-adventure style game that takes place on a sad, drunk, frigid winter night out in Montreal with recorded live performances from a variety of musicians. I've been describing it to people as "like playing Depression Quest inside a Wendy comic," but you can check it out for yourself: **coldnightencrisse.ca**

Here's some things I'm looking forward to in the near future:

The 3rd annual New Band Show, which, if you're holding this paper, is either currently happening or has already happened... hopefully it is/was a success. I made some cool La Chaîne tote bags for a fundraiser this year, if you want one but didn't come to the show email me and see if there are any left.

The hardcore gig at Tapage on Sunday March 15th – stoked that Columbus OH's REGALIA are coming back to Canada (we played with them in Toronto in November at the Never Going Away showcase) along with DEADBOLT (now a 5-piece) and ONE TRACK MIND (always a 5-piece), plus a Straight Edge band also from Columbus who I haven't checked out yet. We love a proper, DIY all-ages hardcore gig.

The Distro X Frigo project at Éspace Tapage (Bâtiment 7) is expanding out of the fridge and into a whole room, AND they're celebrating the first anniversary of the project with a huge blowout event on April 3-4, including a punk market, free vegan dinner and stacked shows both days.

I'm printing inserts for a **new CELL DETH 7"** that I can't wait to listen to! I'm pretty sure this record contains the material they recorded the morning after VERIFY played Charlottetown last April, so it feels very full-circle to be a part of getting it across the finish line (out soon from Broken Skull).

STREET GLOVES is playing at Cégep du Vieux Montréal on March 13th. Will the kids have their minds blown by E-Beat? Will they even care? Who knows! Go to the show and report back.

GET TO THE GIG

Tuesday March 3 – Mardi 3 mars

ANGEL DUST (US), BÉTON ARMÉ, COMBUST (NYC), LOVE SICK (NYC) @ Théâtre Fairmount - 19h - $32.81 (AA)

Friday March 6 – Vendredi 6 mars

Yell Out Fest: CINNAMON (Albany), ANÉANTIX (Québec), HEAT RASH (Hamilton), NUCLEAR FAMILY, KOFFIN BYRTH (Ottawa), THE PITS, CESNA @ La Sotterenea - 19h - $25

Saturday March 7 – Samedi 7 mars

Yell Out Fest: OBSERVATION ROOM (NYC), CONSTRICTOR (Sudbury), RECALL, EXTRAÑA HUMANA, WAYS OF HIDING, JAIL, TRAUMATIC STATE @ La Sotterenea - 19h - $25

Yell Out market/workshop @ Les révoltes - 12-17h - FREE
Yell Out feminist comedy show @ Casa - 17h - PWYC

Friday March 13 – Vendredi 13 mars

HLIR, STREET GLOVES, INTERCRANIAL MOTH NEST @ Cégep du Vieux Montréal Annexe - 19h - $10 (AA)

GUTSER, CLEANSE, CHRONOLITH @ La Sotterenea - 20h - $15

Saturday March 14 – Samedi 14 mars

YOUNG BLADES, PIED-DE-BICHE, ARMISTIX @ Brasserie des Patriotes - 15h - $10

Sunday March 15 – Dimanche 15 mars

DEADBOLT, REGALIA (Columbus), XTOBEARX (Columbus), ONE TRACK MIND @ Tapage/B7 - 17h - $15 PWYC (AA)

LOBOTOMITE, BODY NEST (Toronto), VVOMB, MORTALITY MIRROR @ Turbo Haus - 20h - $15 PWYC

FUCKED UP (Toronto), FAZE @ Bar Le Ritz PDB - 19h - $36.97

Thursday March 19 – Jeudi 19 mars

LA FATIGUE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, ERIC SPINELLI @ Piranha Bar (Heaven) - 20h - $15 NOTAFLOF

Saturday March 28 – Samedi 28 mars

TYPEFACE, MOTHER MARY, WIDDERSHINS, BIEN-ÊTRE @ Casa - 20h - $15 PWYC

GOOD FLYING BIRDS (Indianapolis), TOUCH GIRL APPLE BLOSSOM (Austin), GARDEN OF LOVE, GLASS DOLLS @ l'Hémisphère Gauche - 20h

APRIL

Wednesday April 1 – Mercredi 1 avril

SHADOW PATTERN (ON) + DUNCAN HARRISON (UK) + RORY SALTER (UK), ROBERT FUCHS (US), ANNE-F JACQUES, S.D. + SKIN, SKIN TONE @ Casa - 19h - $15 PWYC

Friday April 3 – Vendredi 3 avril

DUREX, RECALL, BOOT (Ottawa), CITADEL + TBA? @ La Toscadura - 20h - $15 (AA)

Anniversaire Distro X Frigo: HRT, NUCLEAR FAMILY, THE POX, FLAT TEETH, CRÄNE, EMPTY NESTERS + punk market, food @ Tapage/B7 - market 12-17h, show 19h - PWYC (AA)

Saturday April 4 – Samedi 4 avril

Anniversaire Distro X Frigo: RATPISS, PILL MILL (Vancouver), FEARTILIZER 1492, SALEM TRIALS (Ottawa), A DYING ROOT (Sherbrooke), HURTA, WILLFUL NEGLECT + punk market, food @ Tapage/B7 - market 12-17h, show 19h - PWYC (AA)

DR. CHAINEY'S PRESCRIPTION FOR LATE-WINTER BLUES:

Rx

- ☐ Listen to the record Deconstruct by HATRED SURGE at least 1x day (or whatever your equivalent record is that reminds you that you still like music)
- ☐ Hang out with an animal
- ☐ Touch base with a friend you haven't seen all winter and cook them dinner. I recommend making your dankest vegan lasagna paired with a refreshing green salad to remind you that spring is coming.
- ☐ Go for a snowy night walk (possibly with aforementioned animal, friend, or album)
- ☐ Give yourself a daily creative task (take a pic every day, draw one panel of a comic every day, read 10 pages of a book every day, etc) aka "fun-a-day"
- ☐ Do that extremely Montrealer early-spring move where you just dead stop on a street corner, close your eyes and feel the sun rays on your face, totally oblivious to everything going on around you
- ☐ Go to Cinéstarz in the Côte-des-neiges Mall on Tuesday for a $5 movie. And you should probably get chana doubles at TNT Palace on Victoria while you're at it, they taste like sunshine.
- ☐ Get to the gig!!

x *Dr. Chainey*

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QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST?

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WHAT IS THIS?

La Chaîne is a monthly newsletter and show calendar from the Montreal DIY punk scene. We are always looking for submissions in french and/or english: punk/hardcore show announcements, live photos, punk artwork, reviews and classified ads. (Submission does not guarantee publication.)

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